

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

(Action commenced in County of York)

PARKMA and TRASS

v.

HEINE and TARUM

AFFIDAVIT OF KARL EERME

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From amongst the members of the Estonian Central Council in Canada an Executive comprising a President and nine Directors is elected annually in the month of October.

5. The plaintiffs Harry Parkma and Olev Trass are and have been at all material times the President and a member of the said Executive, respectively.

6. The defendant has participated personally in the distribution to known members of the Estonian Community in Canada who speak and understand the Estonian language of successive anonymous bulletins in the Estonian language called ETA, a name of patriotic significance to Estonians, such bulletins (of which thousands have been published and distributed) being dated respectively the 28th September, 1964, the 16th October, 1964 and the 12th November, 1964, in each of which said bulletins, as the recipients well understood, the plaintiffs and each of them have been represented as betrayers of the avowed objects of the Estonian Central Council in Canada and consorters with known Communist henchmen and representatives of the Communist regime in Estonia.

7. The said bulletins with the English translations thereof are as follows:

(a) Bulletin of the 28th September, 1964:

KAASMAALASED!

E R A teatab:

N.Eesti teenekes punakirjanik Rudolf Sirge vastuvõtul Toronto eestlaste juures.

Esmaspäeval, 21 septembri õhtust kuni teisipäeva varahommikuni toimus RYN juhatuse liikme, Rahvuskultuuri komisjoni esimehe ja Kultuurarhiivi juhataja kirjanik Karl Eerne kodus, eestlaste korterimajas 8 Corinth Gdns. Toronto, sa-lajune koosolek N. Eesti teenelise punakirjaniku ja endise hävituspateljonisse Rudolf Sirge vastuvõtuks, kes nädalavahetusel viibis Torontos N. Liidu kultuuri delegatsiooni 11-liikmelises koosseisus.

Koosviibimisest võtsid osa kirjanik Salme Ekbaum, kirjanduskriitik ja luu-letaja Johannes Oja, kirjanik Magda Pihla ja ajakiri "Vaba Eesti" toimetaja Ar-vo Naelapaa, ning veel teisi.

Eesti ajalehti ja rahvuspoliitilist võitlusorganisatsiooni RYN-u sellest koosolekust ei informeeritud, seega ignoreerides meie olulisi asutisi ja toini-des vastutustundetult onapead. - Hiljem aga kaimenades on need isikud sulgenud informatsiooniks oma suud ja samas pannud külma kõik rattad selleks, et takis-tada töö levikut kaasmaalaste hulgas.

Kodumaalt põgenemise 20-dal aastapäeval on Toronto-eestlaste vaimuintelli-gents rutanud avasüli vastuvõtma kommunistlikku funktsionääri ja astunud selles-ga sammu, mis killustab meie pagulaste ühtsust ja poliitilist mõtlemist. - See

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Samal ajal viibis Toronto eestlastel külas meie sõjaväe kolonel A. Rebane, kes oma sõnavõtte esitas selgelt sihtjooni ja meenutas meie põlvkonnaspeevade töötusi. - Meie võitlusorganisatsioonid on teinud senini oma parima, et et selgitada ja vastu astuda punaste sirenide meelitustele - kuni esmaspäeva õhtuni, mil see uhisrinne varises kokku.

Kuna on põhjust arvata, et avalikkusele kuuluv ja vajalik informatsioon lämmetatakse osavõtjate poolt, siis kaksolav üllatav loeb oma kohuseks esitada lühidalt sündmuste kaiku.

Pühapäeval, 20 septembril võttis R. Sirge ühenduse Salme Ekbaumiga, teatades et temal on tervitusi ja parak ütlema Minni Nurme'lt kodumaalt ja avaldas seejuures soovi kokkusaamiseks ka teiste kirjandusilimeestega Torontos, et nende -ga mõtteid vahetada ja anda vajalik informatsiooni. Sellele järgnevalt võeti vastavad ühendused ja määrati kokkuvõtte esmaspäeva õhtuks. - Peoperencees Karl Eerme sõidutas R. Sirge "King Edward" hotellist oma korterisse, kus kutsutud seltskond juha ootas. - Milles seal räägiti ja mida seal edasi anti, selle kohta puuduvad üksikasjalised andmed. Teada aga on, et alles teisipäeva hommikul koidu eel lahkus seltskond ja R. Sirge sõidutati tagasi hotelli.

Loeme oma kohuseks esitada faktilisi andmeid, võetuna N. Eesti omadest allikatest, et "kes on kes" sealses kirjanike-funktsionääride peres.

Rudolf Sirge, sünd: 1904.a. Tartus. Alates 1940.a. n.n uue elu ehitaja. ENSV Kirjanike Liidu sekretär. Teeneline rahvakirjanik. Autasustatud ordeniga "Austuse märk".

Minni Nurme, sünd: 1917.a. Viljandimaal. Siirdus sõja ajal koos abikaasa Aadu Hint'iga N. Liitu. Alates 1944.a. ENSV Kirjanike Liidu liige Aadu Hint, sünd: 1910.a. Muhus. Oli 1940.a. juuni pöörde aktiivne teostaja. Eesti kirjanduse lülitaja kommunismi. "Kommunist" ja "Viisnurga" toimetaja. Teeneline rahvakirjanik. Autasustatud ordenitega. ENSV Ülemnõukogu liige.

Tallinnas asuv "Välis-estlastega Kultuurisidemete arendamise Komitee, ning Välismaaga sõpruse ja Kultuurisidemete arendamise Ühingu" liikmed on asunud väga hoogsale tööle oma eesmärkide saavutamiseks. (Propaganda ajaleht "Kodumaa" väljaandjad) - See oli esimene katse Kanada-estlastega kontakti loomiseks ja pagulus-estlaste vastupanu mürdiseks.

KUS TOIMUB JÄRGMINE MADALLÖÖK?-KES ON JÄRGMISED VÕURUSTAJAD?-MIS SAAB EDASI?

Esmaspäeval, 28 septembril 1964.

(Välja saadetud 3000 ek)

English translation thereof:

COMPATRIOTS!

ETA announces:

Soviet Estonian noted red writer Rudolf Sirge received as visitor by Estonians in Toronto.

A secret meeting has taken place at the home of Mr. Karl Eerme in the Estonian apartment block at 8 Corinth Gdns. Toronto, on the evening of Monday Sept. 21st until the early morning of Tuesday.

Mr. Eerme is a member of the Estonian Central Council Executive, chairman of its Cultural Committee, and the director of the Cultural Archives. The purpose of the secret meeting was to meet with Rudolf Sirge, a noted red writer from Soviet Estonia, who has also been a member of the Destruction Battalions, and who was in Toronto during the weekend as a member of the eleven man Cultural Delegation from the Soviet Union.

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Present at the meeting were writer Salme Ekbaum, critic and poet Johannes Oja, writer Magda Pihla and the editor of the journal "Vaba Eesti" (Free Estonia), Arvo Maelapea, and also others.

The Estonian newspapers and our National Political Battle Organization (Estonian Central Council) were not informed of this meeting. Thereby our important organs had been ignored and (the people arranging the meeting) have acted on their own without any sense of responsibility. Later, upon sobering, these people have become tightlipped and are not giving any information about the meeting. They have also tried to do everything possible for the purpose of preventing the spread of the truth among their compatriots.

On the twentieth anniversary of our exile has the "intelligencia" among the Toronto Estonians rushed with open arms to receive the communist functionary and thereby taken steps which break up the unity and political thinking among our exiled group. This action will directly be of damage to our fight for political freedom.

At about the same time our war hero, Colonel A. Rebane was visiting Estonians in Toronto. His speech showed us clear objectives and reminded us of the promises made while we were fleeing Estonia. Our battle organizations have until now done their best to explain and to oppose the tempting sounds of the red sirens -- until Monday night when this joint battle-front collapsed.

Since there are reasons to believe that the essential information which should belong to the public will be suppressed by those who were at the meeting, this present bulletin considers its duty to present briefly what has happened.

On Sunday Sept. 20th, R. Sirge was in touch with Salme Ekbaum and informed her that he had greetings and a parcel to give her from Minni-Nurm in Estonia, and expressed also his desire to meet with other literary people in Toronto for the purpose of exchanging thoughts with

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them and to give necessary information. Following that, suitable contacts were made and a meeting was arranged for Monday night. The host, Karl Eerme, drove R. Sirge from the "King Edward" hotel to his apartment where the invited group was already waiting. Detailed information regarding what was discussed there and what information was passed along is not available. However, it is known that it was not until just before daybreak on Tuesday when the group left and Mr. Sirge was driven back to his hotel!

We consider it our duty to present factual information taken from Soviet Estonian sources regarding "who is who" among the authors' functionaries in Estonia.

R. Sirge, born: 1904 in Tartu. Beginning 1940 a so-called builder of new life. Secretary of the Writers' Association of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic. Rewarded the Order "Mark of Respect" for his services to the population.

Minni Nurme, born: 1917 in the province of Viljandi. Went to the Soviet Union at the beginning of the war, with her husband, Aadu Hint. Since 1944, member of the ESSR Authors' Union.

Aadu Hint, born: 1910 in Muhu. Was an active executor of the 1940 June communist takeover. The person who brought Estonian literature under communism. Editor of "Communist" and "Five Corners". Awarded with Orders for services as an "author of the public". Member of the ESSR Presidium.

Members of the "Committee for Developing Cultural Ties with Estonians in Exile" and "The Society for Developing Cultural Ties and Friendship with Foreign Countries", in Tallinn, have started very hard work in order to reach their objectives. They publish the propaganda journal "Homeland". This here was the first attempt to make contact with Estonians in Canada and to break the resistance of the Estonians in exile.